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Title Hierarchical Backup and Retrieval System

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Specification [Total Pages 29]

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. Drawing(s) (35 USC d113) [Total Sheets 5]

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- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
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see 37 CFR §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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- a. Computer Readable Copy
- b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. Statement verifying identical of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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9. 37 CFR §3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney

10. English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

12. Preliminary Amendment

13. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

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(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired

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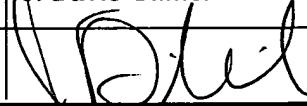
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